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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, AG, US

SUBJECT: FLN PRESS ATTACKS ON U.S.

REF: A. ALGIERS 1907 B. ALGIERS 1949

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR MAOUI AUGUST 4 AFN COUNTRY DIRECTOR BISHOP NOTED PRESS ATTACKS REPORTED REF A AND INQUIRED REGARDING THEIR SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF GENERAL TREND TOWARD IMPROVEMENT IN ATMOSPHERE OF U.S.-ALGERIAN RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR MAOUI, WHO HAD NOT SEEN EDITORIALS, SAID THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FLN PARTY ORGANS DO NOT REPRESENT GOVERNMENT POLICY AND ARE OFTEN A VEHICLE FOR YOUNG MARXIST-ORIENTED JOURNALISTS WHO ARE HOLDOVERS FROM THE PREVIOUS REGIME BUT ARE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEIR JOBS BECAUSE "THEY CANNOT ALL BE PUT IN PRISON". SINCE THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION DOES NOT EXERCISE STRICT CONTROL OVER THESE JOURNALISTS THEY SOMETIMES WRITE TENDENTIOUS ARTICLES WHICH REFLECT NOTHING BUT THEIR OWN VIEWS. AMBASSADOR MAOUI STRESSED THAT ONLY UNSIGNED EDITORIALS IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE EL MOUDJAHID AND RELEASES OF THE APS SHOULD BE
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VIEWED AS EXPRESSIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

2. AMBASSADOR MAOUI WAS ALSO GIVEN BRIEFING ON STATUS OF ALGERIAN LNG CONTRACTS AS REQUESTED REF B.

3. DURING CONVERSATION IT WAS LEARNED THAT AMBASSADOR MAOUI HAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON ONLY TEMPORARILY FOR

THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LAUNCHING OF AN
EL PASO LNG TANKER ON AUGUST 6. FOLLOWING THIS HE WILL
RETURN TO EUROPE FOR A MONTH OF VACATION. CHRISTOPHER

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